



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application: **Bahrs et al.**

Serial No.: 09/430,861

Filed: **October 29, 1999**

For: **Method and Apparatus in a Data Processing System for the Separation of Role-Based Permissions Specification from its Corresponding Implementation of its Semantic Behavior**

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No fees are believed to be required. If, however, any fees are required, I authorize the Commissioner to charge these fees which may be required to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447. No extension of time is believed to be necessary. If, however, an extension of time is required, the extension is requested, and I authorize the Commissioner to charge any fees for this extension to IBM Corporation Deposit Account No. 09-0447.

In response to the Office Action dated November 21, 2003, please amend the above-identified application as follows: